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Affordable Christian University Education

A trust fund established by several generous Redeemer College supporters will cut basic student costs by 40 percent for the 1991/92 academic year.

In September 1991, Redeemer students will pay $4,450 in tuition and $1,540 for on-campus housing and food: that is $5,990 for the full academic year. The trust fund will settle the difference between this and the actual annual cost of education, with a single proviso that there will be no refund for an uncompleted year.

This allows Redeemer College to offer its quality Christian university education at a public university price.

According to Redeemer's vice-president of advancement, Bill Smouter, the income earning assets in the trust ensure sufficient funding will be available for an indefinite period of time. "There is every indication that this level of support can be maintained at the various increased enrolment projections made for the next few years," he states.

The concept of a trust fund grew from the commitment of several Christian business people to Christian post-secondary education. They wanted to make Christ-centred university education more affordable by bringing student costs in line with those at subsidized academic institutions.

Public universities in Ontario rely on the tax payer to bear the brunt of expenses. "For them tuition currently reflects a mere 18 percent of actual cost," says Mr. Smouter. "At Redeemer tuition fees have always been the main source of income for the university."

Now, thanks to the trust fund, a student at Redeemer College can expect to pay less than a public university student. For instance 1991/92 costs for tuition, housing and food at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario are projected at approximately $6,800. ➡

Pascal Centre Inauguration

Dr. Alvin Plantinga delivers his speech on evolution and the Bible.

"The right attitude toward the claim of universal common descent is one of a certain interested skepticism," according to Dr. Alvin Plantinga, the inaugural speaker at Redeemer's Pascal Centre Dedication on February 22, 1991.

Dr. Plantinga of the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame Indiana went on to say, "God could have done it that way. . . . That it is possible is clear; that it happened is doubtful; that it is certain, however, is ridiculous."

In a speech entitled, "When faith and reason clash; evolution and the Bible," he proposed that science can correct our grasp of Scripture; but Scripture can also correct current science.

That is what the Pascal Centre for Advanced Studies in Faith and Science is about according to Dr. Jitse van der Meer, director of the centre. "We are interested in the meaning of Scripture for the understanding of nature and the meaning of nature for the understanding of Scripture."

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Pascal Centre (continued)

The proposal to organize the Pascal Centre was first formulated by Dr. van der Meer and Dr. Donald McNally of the University of Toronto in August 1987. Since organizing the centre in 1988, they have spent two years preparing for the first phase of a five-year plan.

"Phase one is an effort toward understanding the role of biblical beliefs in philosophical, theological and scientific knowledge," points out Dr. van der Meer.

Phase two scheduled for 1993 will consist of applying biblical beliefs to research problems in the natural sciences.

"In future we hope to make the results of our research available to education at all levels," says Dr. van der Meer, who sees education featuring prominently as a long-term goal.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are blessed at Redeemer College in our task to prepare young people for service in the kingdom of God. This is a privilege which can never be overestimated.

Since our beginning we have seen many miracles. We stand in awe before the face of God. It is our prayer that we may never get so used to extraordinary events that we no longer see the hand of the Lord in them. God, our never-changing Lord, has been good to us in the past, and we know that He will continue to bless us if we remain faithful to Him and abide by His Word.

I ask for your continued prayers so that we may always ask, "Lord, what do you want us to do."

I want to share with you one of the great gifts that have come our way. You know that the cost for students studying at Redeemer College has always been a great concern. The cost is not higher than at any other Christian institution of higher learning, but nevertheless the cost is high, and we have spent much time discussing ways to relieve students of this burden.

After much prayer and discussion, we found supporters of the university who were able to establish a trust fund out of which tuition, housing and food can be paid. Thus the cost to our students can be dramatically reduced. This arrangement allows our students to pay no more than those students who attend secular universities which are largely funded by government. I am grateful to those who set up the trust fund. On behalf of the students I want to thank them once more.

It is now possible for new students, who otherwise could not afford Christian higher education, to come to Redeemer College and enjoy this gift of God. We are looking forward to a substantial increase in our student population. If the number of applicants received to date is any indication, then we expect to see many new faces on campus in September.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find more details on how this trust fund benefits our students.

We ask you to rejoice and thank the Lord with us. Pray for us and support our work so that it may all be done to the glory of God. As you pray for us so we pray for you.

May God richly bless you.

Henry R. De Bolster

NEWS BRIEFS

Staley Lecture Series

Dr. Calvin De Witt, director of the Au Sable Institute, a Christian academic institution specializing in environmental studies presented Redeemer's third annual Staley lecture series sponsored by the Staley Foundation. The two-day event in mid-January emphasized the need for Christian environmental stewardship.

In a series of lectures and discussions, Dr. De Witt dealt with man's degradation of creation, God's providence and the need for Christians to practise stewardly earthkeeping. According to Dr. De Witt, Christian environmental stewardship is not talk and study but practise and action.

Right: Dr. Calvin De Witt speaks on environmental stewardship.

The Staley Foundation is a private non-profit organization which makes funds available to organizations promoting Christian evangelism. Previous Staley lecturers at Redeemer were Dr. Henri Nouwen and Dr. Tony Campolo.

Mission Emphasis Week

February 4th marked the beginning of Redeemer College's second annual Mission Emphasis Week.

"Warm thoughts about missions are a great tonic for the February cold," points out Mike Wynands, campus ministry director and chief organizer of the week's events.

For an entire week the displays of 26 mission-related organizations filled Redeemer's main lobby. Representatives of such groups as the *Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, Wycliffe Bible Translators* and *Youth with a Mission* answered student questions and handed out brochures.

As well, guest speakers, Dr. Harvie Conn, professor of missions at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and Mr. Gary Ginter, a mission-oriented businessman from Chicago, encouraged students to support missions and to consider direct involvement.

Student Senate took advantage of the week by kicking off a money-raising campaign for Sarospatak Academy in Hungary. This long-neglected Reformed institution established in 1531 and taken over by the communist regime following World War II has recently been returned to the Reformed Church in that country.

Students in Missions

According to Mr. Wynands, Redeemer enjoys a reputation for student involvement in missions. Many work as counsellors in youth camps; a year ago, 21 students spent two weeks in Haiti painting a church and building showers for the nationals there; and in December several students participated in an Urbana mission conference.

This spring 25 students intend to go on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic while three others plan to spend the summer on mission work in the Philippines.

"It is a real blessing to see young people motivated by the Spirit giving their time and talents to mission work," observes Mr. Wynands.

Fran Strooband and Heather Wind in midstream.

Field-oriented Science at Au Sable

In January, two Redeemer students obtained course credits at Au Sable Institute in upper Michigan. Heather Wind and Fran Strooband spent three weeks at the interdenominational school for university students pursuing field-oriented science courses.

Au Sable's woodland setting with an active beaver colony and crystal clear lake inside thousands of acres of state forest provides the perfect environment for hands-on study.

Fran and Heather experienced Au Sable as a community working and worshipping together while seeking to understand and promote better environmental stewardship. "They really practise what they preach," notes Fran.

Both students came away with a greater appreciation of the environment as well as an awareness of the general public's apathy towards environmental issues.

Courses at Au Sable are offered several times throughout the year and are taught by professors from affiliated colleges such as Redeemer.

Reappointments

The Board of Governors of Redeemer College at its meeting on January 26 granted Dr. Jitse van der Meer tenure as associate professor of biology.

The board also reappointed Dr. Robert MacLarkey as assistant professor of sociology, Dr. John Vriend assistant professor of education, John Byl assistant professor in physical education, and Allan Brown lecturer in physical education.

Margaret Noordhof was reappointed and promoted from Librarian I to Librarian II.

Redeemer College Becomes a Volleyball Powerhouse

Both men's and women's volleyball teams advanced to semi-final play in province-wide competitions this year.

As well, the Coach of the Year Award in the women's OCAA Division II went to Royal's coach Jane Devos-Kors.

Women's

For the fifth straight year the Lady Royals qualified for the OCAA Division II provincial playoffs. The team advanced to the semi-finals where they lost a hard fought match to George Brown College. Power hitter Paula Zondag was selected to the league all-star team and setter Val Wolters became a championship tournament all-star.

"The team loses only two players from this year's squad to graduation so watch for bigger and better performances next year," warns coach Devos-Kors.

Men's

For the first time ever the men's volleyball team advanced to the OCAA Division II provincial playoffs. The team finished the regular season in a strong fashion winning eight of their last ten matches.

During the tournament, the young team gave a strong account of itself advancing to the semi-final round. After an extremely well-played but tiring two hour match, they lost to St. Lawrence College, Kingston. Only Walt Hartholt graduates which leaves a strong nucleus for next year's team.

Dual honours went to Terry Talsma, who was selected as both league and tournament all-star.

Student Art Exhibition

Curators: Carl Jagt and Corina Bos

"The one thing these art pieces have in common is that they have all been created by Christian artists. This is important because the art world is very secular."

Corina Bos

TOP ROW: (left) The Tree Frog's Grin *by Judy De Haan; (centre) one of* A Series of First Attempts *by Annette Van Geest; and (right) one of a series of* Young Robert *by Ed Looyenga.*
BOTTOM ROW: (centre) Tiresias *by Judy van Arragon; and (right)* United Fragments: a study in fragmentation II *by Heather Wind.*

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LIFT - The Home Stretch

The very successful Leadership Investment For Tomorrow (LIFT) campaign is now entering a crucial phase involving Redeemer's grass-root support community.

The main objective of LIFT's third and final phase is to eliminate Redeemer's $4 million campus construction bank debt balance.

"We are looking forward to phase three," states President Henry De Bolster who considers basic popular support the strength of Redeemer College. "I am absolutely convinced a Christian institution needs grass-root support to be viable. If you lose that, you are lost."

Phase one, aimed at the corporate sector as well as Redeemer staff, faculty, students, alumni, and board; and phase two, directed toward Christian business and professional people raised $3 million in cash and $9.4 million in pledges extended over five years. ➔

The Board of Governors of Redeemer College
invites the membership of the university
to submit names of nominees to the Board of Governors from the following areas:

Toronto **Hamilton/St. Catharines** **Orillia/Barrie**

Nominees must be at least 25 years of age, members of Redeemer College, willing to serve the Board of Governors, and Canadian citizens. A brief biography of each nominee would be helpful. Please reply in writing no later than April 15, 1991 to:

The Governors Affairs Committee,
Redeemer College,
Ancaster, Ontario L9G 3N6

FACULTY UPDATE

David Benner led a workshop on "Healing Emotional Wounds" at the 1990 OCSTA Convention in Hamilton in October. Also in October he lectured to the Clinical Staff of Pine Rest Christian Hospital on "Psychotherapy with the religiously committed patient."

John Byl published the following articles: "Developing a Perspective on Christian Sport," *Mennonite Brethren Herald* (Oct. 12, 1990); "Organizing Tournaments, Making the experience positive for the child," *Teaching Elementary Physical Education* (Nov./ Dec. 1990); and "Sports and Sabbath Desecration," *Origins*, Vol. VIII, No.2 (1990).

Jacob P. Ellens published a book review of Mark Harrison's *Crowds and History: Class Phenomena in English Towns, 1790-1835* in *Christian Scholar's Review* (Sept. 1990).

David Koyzis wrote the following articles in his monthly "Across the Globe" column in *Calvinist Contact*: "Whose might is right?" (Oct. 5); "Between East and West--a two-way street" (Nov. 2); "The breakup of Yugoslavia" (Nov. 30); "Where will the new global fault lines lie?" (Jan. 11); and "Prayers and tears" (Feb. 8).

He also published an article entitled, "The Christian Heritage Party of Canada," in *The Public Justice Report* of the Association for Public Justice, Washington, D.C. (Dec. 1990); a paper entitled, "A Foundational Analysis of the Policy and Program of The Christian Heritage Party of Canada," as part of APJ's series of Background Papers; a review, "Comparing Canada and the United States," of Seymour Martin Libset's *Continental Divide* in *The Public Justice Report* (Dec. 1990); and a review of Sanford Levinson's *Constitutional Faith*, in *Christian Scholar's Review*, Vol.20, No.2 (1990).

Harry VanDyke participated in "Heritage for the 1990's," a conference sponsored by the Ministry of Communications in October in Edmonton. In January Mr. VanDyke left for five months of research in the Netherlands.

Thea Van Til Rusthoven wrote an article, "Codes en conflit dans La Bete humaine," for the book, *Zola La Bete humaine; Colloque du centenaire a Glasgow*, University of Glasgow, French and German Publications (1990).

Mary Leigh Morbey presented the paper, "Aaron: Portrait of the Young Machine as a Male Artist," at the Universities Art Association of Canada Annual Conference at the University of Montreal; and at the Guest Faculty Lecture Series of the Advanced Computing Centre for Art and Design, the Ohio State University in Columbus in October.

Margaret Noordhof published book reviews of: *Human Rights: A Reference Handbook* by Lucille Whalen in *RQ* (Fall 1990); and *Gateway Software and Natural Language Interfaces: Options for Online Searching*, ed. J.A. Benson and B.H. Weinberg, in *Information Processing Management 26* (1990).

Theodore Plantinga translated Rudolf Van Reest's book, *Schilder's Struggle for the Unity of the Church*, Inheritance Publications (1990) with a supplementary chapter, "North American Developments," pp.407-432. Dr. Plantinga also contributed a chapter to the book, *Philosophy in the Reformed Undergraduate Curriculum*, ed. John W. Roose and George N. Pierson, Palos Heights, Illinois: Trinity Christian College (1990). He also published a series of six articles in *Outlook*, Vol. 39 (1990), as well as "Samples of Thinking on Three Fonts" in *Christian Week* (May 29, 1990).

John Vriend gave a workshop at the OACS Annual Membership Meeting for Board Members and Principals in November entitled, "Getting the Government's Ear."

Jeffrey Weima reviewed *Peter and Jude* by Edmund Clowney, Downers Grove, Ill., Intervarsity Press (1988) in *Calvin Theological Journal*, Vol. 25 (1990). He was also appointed as a regular book reviewer for *Novum Testamentum*.

Henry Brouwer, as a joint author with Tom Murphy and Lucy McArdle from the National Water Research Institute in Burlington, published a paper entitled, "A Sediment - Contact Bioassay with photobackrium phosphoreum," in *Environment Toxicology and Chemistry*, Vol. 9 (1990).

Justin Cooper reviewed Douglas Roche's *Building Global Security* in the *Canadian Catholic Review* (Nov. 1990).

Wytse VanDijk received a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) grant for research expenses for the current academic year. He was appointed to the organizing committee of an international conference on "Novel Trends in Nuclear Physics" to be held at McMaster on May 17, 1991. Dr. VanDijk also published "Determination of the S-wave scattering shape parameter P from the zero-energy wavefunction" in *Physical Review C* (Nov. 1990).

COMING EVENTS

March 22 - *Redeemer For Life* sponsors "Hang On To Your Hormones" by Bev. Hadland, a dynamic and honest speaker who offers teens and their parents the answer to today's moral pressures . . . chastity. 7:30 p.m.

April 4-6 - The Theatre Arts Department presents *An Enemy of the People* by Ibsen. 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2 & 8 p.m. on Saturday. For tickets call (416)648-2131.

April 12 - *Choral Concert Series*: "Music for Choir and Brass," 8 p.m.

April 13 - *The Allies* in concert, 7:30 p.m. For tickets call (416)648-2131.

May 25 - Graduation.

June 3-7 - *Milk and Honey Summer Festival* 1991. Theme: "Walking With the Reformers." Call (416)468-2131 for details.